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## Iran-Iraq Conflict

Military Situation -- More than 16,500 Iraqis were killed or wounded and 19,000 captured during the Jerusalem Operation, according to a Guards Corps and armed forces communique carried by Tehran radio. The communique noted that over 5,480 square km of Iranian territory had been liberated. Meanwhile, another military communique broadcast by the radio reported that Iranian forces repulsed an Iraqi offensive in the Shalamchah region. It added that 60 Iraqis were killed when Iranian artillery units fired on Iraqi forces in the Toveyleh and Tutmal regions and on the Biarreh garrison. The communique also claimed that one Iraqi plane was shot down over the Abadan area.

According to an Iraqi military communique carried by Baghdad radio, 238 Iranians were killed when Iraqi forward units pounded Iranian positions in Khorramshahr with all kinds of weapons. The communique said a large number of Iranian tanks and vehicles were destroyed by Iraqi airraids in the Khorramshahr area and in the area west of the Karun River.

Arab Reaction to War -- Egypt believes Iran will stop at the international border with Iraq because the Iranians realize that any border violation means disturbing the network of regional, international and Arab interests, Egyptian President Husni Mubarak stated during an interview with the Kuwaiti paper AS-SIYASAH, KUNA reported. Mubarak noted that Egypt is closely watching the situation and warned that a change in regime in Iraq would not be in the interest of the region. He also cautioned the Iranian leadership against putting forward illogical demands as a result of elation following its army's progress.

The London paper ASH-SHARQ AL-AWSAT, citing "highly-placed" Arab sources, reported that several Arab countries have officially warned Iran that they will not stand idly by, regardless of the consequences, if Iranian forces cross the Iraqi border.

In an interview with the Saudi paper AR-RIYAD cited by SPA, Crown Prince Fahd stressed that the continuation or extension of the war would be at the expense of the region's stability and safety.

## Iran

The war with Iraq will end only when Iran's legitimate demands have been met, government spokesman Ahmad Tavakkoli declared at a news conference reported by Tehran radio. He warned that Iran would take whatever steps are necessary to safeguard the security of its borders. Tavakkoli said the war cannot be considered ended while Iraq, in desperation after the capture of 40,000 of its troops, continues to attack Iranian cities with long-range artillery.

Commenting on Iran's relations with other Islamic countries, Tavakkoli said Iran wishes to live as a brother with the countries of the region under the banner of Islam and not under the American banner. He added that Iran would not remain silent if some countries in the region wish to act in accordance with American orders, including the return of Egypt to the Arab fold.

## Israel

Relations With U.S. -- A joint U.S.-Israeli military committee will meet soon to discuss cooperation involving Israeli military industries. Jerusalem radio revealed in a report on the outcome of Defense Minister Ari'el Sharon's talks with U.S. officials. The United States will buy Israeli equipment, the radio said, and the Defense Ministry will be able to spend some U.S. aid on purchasing Israeli-made arms. The radio also said Pentagon officials had confirmed that the United States will sell Israel 75 advanced F-16 fighter planes for around \$2.5 billion. Meanwhile, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir told the

Knesset in remarks broadcast by the radio that in light of proposed U.S. arms sales to Jordan, Israel is worried by the contradictions in U.S. policy. Israel will not be able to put up with these moves and cannot afford to wait until Jordan accumulates offensive power sufficient for an attack on Israeli population centers, he declared. In a similar vein, Sharon said in remarks broadcast by the radio that he had expressed concern to the Americans that any addition of sophisticated weapons to Arab countries puts Israel in a difficult situation. While Israel has stopped the arms race, Sharon contended, the Arabs are advancing their arms procurement at full speed.

Arms for Iran, Ecuador -- In an interview with NBC-TV, Sharon disclosed that Israel has supplied Iran with a small quantity of arms and ammunition, Jerusalem television reported. Meanwhile, Ecuadorean officials confirmed that Israeli-made arms found in an Ecuadorean cargo plane by Kennedy airport customs officials were intended for the Ecuadorean Government's exclusive use, according to Jerusalem radio reports. Noting that U.S. officials are investigating whether the arms were intended for Argentina, the radio said the Israeli Foreign Ministry has again assured the British ambassador that there is no truth in any report that Israel is shipping arms to Argentina. Prime ministerial adviser Uri Porat likewise denied that the aircraft detained in New York is carrying arms for Argentina, the radio noted.

Mine Explosion -- A fuel truck was damaged by an antivehicle mine on a dirt road in the Beersheba District, ITIM reported.

#### Syria

President Hafiz al-Asad held talks with Ivan Arkhipov, first deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers, Damascus radio reported. The talks dealt with Syrian-Soviet relations and the results of Arkhipov's discussions with Syrian officials in Damascus. According to earlier radio reports, Arkhipov also held talks with Foreign Minister 'Abd al-Halim Khaddam and Prime Minister 'Abd ar-Ra'uf al-Kasm.

#### Lebanon

French Premier Pierre Mauroy visited Beirut briefly for talks with Lebanese leaders and to attend a requiem for the victims of the recent explosion at the French Embassy, Beirut radio noted. In statements reported by the radio, Mauroy said France will remain firm in facing these "criminal, cowardly actions; will not give in to blackmail through violence and will not change its stand because of threats or crimes."

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AFP: FORMER OFFICIALS SENTENCED IN DACCA

BK221717 Hong Kong AFP in English 1411 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] Dacca, 22 May (AFP) -- A former mayor of Dacca and a minister in deposed President Abdus Sattar's Cabinet was today sentenced to eight years' hard prison term by a Special Martial Law Tribunal for corruption and misuse of official position.

The five-member tribunal, headed by Brigadier Abdus Salam, which tried the mayor, Mr Abul Hasnat, in two cases of corruption, delivered its unanimous judgements today as the accused stood in silence in the dock of the guarded court room. In illegal sharing of business with "a favourite lady friend" in the Dacca municipal corporation, Mr Hasnat was given five years' rigorous imprisonment and a fine of taka 500,000 and in default to suffer another two years' prison. He was given a prison term for another three years in the second case involving illegal allotment of a government house to his lady friend Kohinoor Begum at an exceptionally low rent depriving two other genuine claims."

The second sentence will begin on conclusion of the first five-year term,, the tribunal chairman announced.

The tribunal, which includes two civilian judges, will meet again on May 25 to try more cases against the convicted mayor.

Meanwhile, another Special Martial Law Tribunal, headed by Brigadier Mashahed Chowdhury, which is trying a former Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmed on similar charges of corruption and abuse of official position will deliver judgement on Monday.

In the fourth case against him, Mr Ahmed was sentenced to a day's imprisonment and a fine of taka 350,000. He was acquitted in the second case and given five years hard labour and a fine of taka 1,000,000 in another.

FORMER DEPUTY PREMIER FOUND GUILTY OF CORRUPTION

BK260306 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 25 May 82

[Excerpt] The five-member Special Martial Law Tribunal No 1 today found former Deputy Prime Minister Jamaluddin Ahmed guilty of the charges of corruption and misuse of official position in the fourth case and sentenced him to suffer rigorous imprisonment for 9 years. In a four-to-one majority judgment delivered this afternoon, the tribunal, headed by Brigadier M. Mashahed Chowdhury, also ordered the confiscation of all the immovable properties of Jamaluddin Ahmed with immediate effect.

ERSHAD ASSIGNS EDUCATION, RELIGION PORTFOLIO

BK261230 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1205 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] The chief martial law administrator has appointed Dr A. Majid Khan as the member of his Council of Advisors and allocated him the portfolio of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs.

ADVISER REPORTS ON FOOD DEALS WITH U.S., JAPAN

BK250418 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] Adviser for Food Air Vice Marshal (rtd) A.G. Mahmood has said the government has made arrangements for the procurement of over 400,000 tons of food grains from abroad. Briefing newsmen in Dacca today, the advisor said things will be much easier with the arrival of foodstuff by July-August next.

Reiterating General Ershad's assertion that there is adequate food reserve in the country, he said we are going to effectively handle the food situation and there will be no crisis. Emphasizing the government's determination to ensure that food is available to all sections of the people throughout the country, Air Vice Marshal Mahmood expressed his confidence that food situation will be properly tackled.

The adviser returned home last week from the United States and Japan concluding food deals. He said the United States committed to provide Bangladesh with an additional food aid of 105,000 tons, including 35,000 tons of rice, during the current year. This will be in addition to 273,000 tons of food grain agreed earlier under the public law 480 and is expected to arrive within the next 2 to 3 months. The United States promised to closely watch the food situation in Bangladesh and, if necessary, it will provide more.

The food adviser said the Japanese Government has assured him of supplying 100,000 tons of rice under a long-term soft loan. Besides this, Japan has also agreed to provide food grants of nearly 30,000 tons of rice. The Japanese consignment is expected by August.

He said the government has recently made a cash purchase of 100,000 tons of wheat. Besides, the Indian Government has offered 100,000 tons of wheat to Bangladesh. The terms and conditions of the offer are under negotiations. Negotiations are also going on with Burma for additional supply of rice of the tune of 85,000 tons.

#### CHINESE PRESS DELEGATION CONCLUDES VISIT

BK221724 Hong Kong AFP in English 0016 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] Dacca, 21 May (AFP) -- A five-member Chinese press delegation has concluded its week-long visit to Bangladesh today during which it had met with new military ruler, General Ershad, and other government and journalist leaders.

Leader of the delegation, (Jiang Yuanchun), is deputy director of the leading Chinese newspaper -- the PEOPLE'S DAILY.

During an interview with Bangladesh news agency, BSS, Mr Jiang said that the upholding of national independence and building the economy were of vital importance to developing countries.

"Without economic independence, national sovereignty cannot be consolidated," he said before leaving for home today.

General Ershad, who met with members of the delegation yesterday, described the present relations between Bangladesh and China as "excellent."

A Bangladesh press delegation is expected to visit China soon.

#### ROMANIAN TRADE DELEGATION ARRIVES 25 MAY

BK260150 Dacca Domestic Service in English 1705 GMT 25 May 82

[Text] A three-member Romanian trade delegation arrived in Dacca today on a 5-day visit. The delegation will (?review) and sign the seventh Bangladesh-Romania barter protocol.

The delegation will also review the existing trade position and recommend measures for further expansion and diversification of trade between the two countries.

HERALD CRITICIZES 'SHADOWBOXING' OVER NO-WAR PACT

BK251624 Delhi INDIAN EXPRESS in English 19 May 82 p 6

[Editorial: "India and Pakistan"]

[Text] The shadow boxing being indulged in by India and Pakistan over the nonaggression pact and the basis of the next round of talks between the two countries merely underlines how long and arduous the ascent to the summit of amity is likely to prove. The attitudes of the leaders of the two countries towards each other are tinged with suspicion, and the clean sweep of the top echelons of the Pakistan Foreign Office has coincided with changes in the External Affairs Ministry in New Delhi, leading to an inevitable delay in picking up the threads of negotiations.

Pakistan has been reacting to the friendship treaty offer precisely as India initially did to the no-war pact proposal by Islamabad. It would be simple enough to transform the treaty proposal from an "informal" to a formal one, but that will hardly change the character of the statements and counter-statements from the two capitals.

New Delhi still seems unconvinced about the motives of the Pakistan military regime, principally General Ziaul Haq, in making the original proposal. The fact that Pakistan's new foreign minister, Sahabzada Yaqub Khan, seems to enjoy the general's trust in a larger measure than his predecessor did should, however, be an advantage in clearing the lines of communication between the two countries.

Apart from the informal nature of the treaty proposal Pakistan is objecting to, Islamabad's view is that the nonaggression pact idea should hold primacy in talks and it has seemingly relegated the joint commission proposal, which was accepted by Mr Agha Shahi in New Delhi to a secondary position. Whatever its official stance, Pakistan seems to look upon the treaty idea as an act of Indian oneupsmanship to neutralise the propaganda advantage initially derived by Pakistan in broaching the no-war idea. The joint commission, one would have imagined, was an eminently sensible mechanism to sort out irritants while debating the merits of the two proposals. The former Pakistan foreign minister had stated that the no-war pact would neither subtract from nor add to the Simla Agreement.

Since one of the Indian suspicions is that Islamabad is seeking to sidetrack the Simla Agreement, a categorical assurance by the new Pakistani foreign minister would help. But if the whole point of the exercise in holding talks is to allay suspicions and assure each side of the other's bona fides, what is to be gained by quibbling over discussing one proposal, rather than the other, first? Why not discuss the two together if the two sides are serious about better relations?

LOK DAL, BJP MEET REDDY ON HARYANA GOVERNMENT

BK261035 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0830 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] Haryana Lok Dal leader Devi Lal called on President Sanjiva Reddy at Rashtrapati Bhavan this morning. He presented to him a memorandum criticising the state governor's decision to invite the Congress-I leader, Bhajan Lal, to form the government. Devi Lal was accompanied by Mangal Sen of Bhartiya Janata Party and Manohar Lal Seni, Lok Dal member of Parliament.

Col Ram Singh of Congress-J, who was also scheduled to call on the president, was not present.

Later, addressing a press conference, Devi Lal claimed majority in the State Assembly and demanded an immediate session of the house.

Bhartiya Janata Party President Atal Bihari Vajpayee also separately called on the president to complain against the state governor's decision.

GANDHI, COMMUNIST LEADERS DISCUSS DISSIDENCE

BK270536 Delhi Domestic Service in English 0240 GMT 27 May 82

[Text] Prime Minister Mrs Gandhi yesterday discussed with the Communist Party of India [CPI] and Communist Party of India-Marxist [CPI-M] leaders activities of communal and secessionist forces in the country, particularly in Punjab. The CPI general secretary, C. Rajeshwar Rao, who led a three-member team of his party, said patriotic forces should be mobilized to fight communal and factional tendencies.

CPI-M leaders, led by E.M.F. Namboodripad, were of the opinion that the threat to unity of the country was growing because of the activities of these forces. They suggested to the prime minister to convene meeting of religious leaders to find out ways for ending abuses of the places of worship.

SECURITY IN DELHI TIGHTENED; BOMB SCARE REPORTED

BK261633 Delhi Domestic Service in English 1530 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] Security arrangements in all the sensitive municipal buildings and markets in New Delhi are being tightened. This follows recovery of some dynamites planted by some miscreants at a marketplace yesterday. The dynamites were defused by ballistic experts before these would explode.

A bomb scare was caused in New Delhi this afternoon. An anonymous caller caused the scare by saying that a bomb is planted in a cinema hall in the Connaught Place area. Search by police and explosive experts revealed nothing.

SRV AGREES TO COOPERATE IN GEOLOGY, MINING

BK241432 Delhi General Overseas Service in English 1330 GMT 24 May 82

[Text] India and Vietnam are to cooperate in the fields of geology and mining. An agreement to this effect was signed in New Delhi today.

Under the agreement the two sides will cooperate in mineral explorations, geological mapping and upgrading of technology. The two sides also agreed on the exchange of experts in these fields.

NEPALFOREIGN SECRETARY LEAVES ON ASIAN TOUR

BK261514 Katmandu External Service in English 1450 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] Foreign Minister Jagdish Shumshere Rana left Katmandu today on a 10-day visit to some countries of Southeast and Far East Asia. Rana is undertaking the tour in accordance with the policy of his majesty's government to establish regular contact at the senior official level with the countries of Asia.

The visit will take Rana to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines and the Republic of Korea.

According to the press release issued in Katmandu today by the Foreign Ministry, during the course of his current visit, he will meet his counterparts in those countries and exchange views with them on bilateral relations and other matters of mutual interest.

SRI LANKA2 SRI LANKAN 'TERRORISTS' ARRESTED IN INDIA

BK211117 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 21 May 82

[Text] The Sri Lankan Government has been officially informed by the Indian Government about the arrest on Wednesday [19 May] night of two wanted Sri Lankan-born terrorists. The two terrorists -- Pravakaran, alias Karatikalan, and Shiv Kumar, alias Raghavan -- according to the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA, were arrested by the Indian police with unlicensed revolvers in a busy market area in south Madras while they were allegedly attacking two other Sri Lankans.

The report said that the arrest of the persons had revealed during interrogation by the Indian police that they belonged to the Sri Lankan underground extremist group -- Liberation Tiger.

A government spokesman said early today that they are exploring the possibilities of negotiating with the Indian Government to bring the arrested terrorists to Sri Lanka once the case in which they have been arrested is disposed of at the other end.

GUERRILLAS LINKED TO TRAINING CENTER IN LEBANON

BK260950 Colombo SUN in English 18 May 82 p 1

[Text] Intelligence units of the armed forces yesterday made a major breakthrough in their investigations into the clandestine West Asian link that urban guerrillas of North Lanka have established.

Army operatives took into custody one of the lead contacts who is believed to be the recruiting officer for specially selected young militants to be trained as commandos in a guerrilla training centre in Lebanon.

The suspect, known as Anthonipillai, alias Alegiri, was on the wanted list of the security forces for some time for alleged terrorist activities.

He is believed to be a front liner of the "Liberation Tigers" movement which is demanding a separate state of Eelam.

"SUN" reliably learns that the army operatives stumbled on the new link following intensive questioning of another suspect known as "Elando," who was taken into custody recently.

This man too is believed to be a frontline commando of the radicals and was responsible for local guerrilla training programmes that have been conducted in the jungle areas surrounding Jaffna. He has already been trained in this field abroad, probably in West Asia by professional guerrillas.

According to intelligence sources, at least five other radicals have returned after training abroad and a manhunt for them is on.

"Elando" was arrested at the residence of a militant trade unionist in Jaffna who died recently.

Meanwhile, the Defence Ministry has directed an immediate probe into the West Asian link. Officials suspect that some radical organisation which believes in world revolution is giving a helping hand to the northern guerrillas.

They are trying to ascertain the degree of financial and other material assistance provided so far.

MILITARY DENIES SECRET MILITARY ACCORD WITH U.S.

BK211125 Colombo International Service in English 1045 GMT 21 May 82

[Excerpts] Minister of Finance and Planning Ronnie de Mel has invited the Finnish foreign trade association to send a delegation of Finnish businessmen to Sri Lanka to have a close look at the opportunities for investment. He was speaking in Helsinki at a seminar on investment which was organized by the foreign trade association in that country.

At a news conference arranged by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland, De Mel was questioned as to whether Sri Lanka had entered into a secret military agreement with the United States and had offered bases to the United States. The minister vehemently denied that there was any such agreement and stressed that Sri Lanka followed strictly nonaligned policy in its foreign relations.

TAVAKKOLI WELCOMES STEADFASTNESS FRONT'S SUPPORT

LD261930 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] The Central News Unit reports that Mr Tavakkoli, minister of labor and social affairs and government spokesman, at noon today took part in a radio and television news conference and answered reporters' questions on various issues.

While expressing his congratulations on the recent victories of the Islamic combatants he referred to the stance adopted by the steadfastness front in support of the Islamic Republic of Iran in the war imposed by Iraq upon Iran, saying: As the course of events has always proved the truth of our claims, once again it has been made clear that the Islamic Republic of Iran is not confronting the Arabs and that such claims are baseless. He said: Iran's aim is to fight against imperialism, America and Zionism, and Saddam is an American agent. Nevertheless, despite these facts and despite our repeated remarks, warnings and advice some Arab countries still pay no attention to these facts and attack the brothers from the steadfastness front for supporting the truth.

Concerning the policies of the Islamic Republic of Iran vis-a-vis the countries of the region the government spokesman said: We wish to live with all the countries of the region as brothers under the banner of Islam, not under the American banner. We clasp hands with all the countries of the region which accept the truth of the Islamic revolution; and at present we have very good relations with several of these countries. We thank those who have supported the correct position of the deprived Iranian nation. He added: e will in no way allow America to draw up plans for the region. We wish to act independently; and if some of the countries of the region wish to act in accordance with American orders in the region, including restoring the disgraced regime of Husni Mubarak to the Arab camp, the Iranian nation will not remain silent.

As regards the necessary defensive measures for the areas recaptured from the Iraqi Ba'thist Zionist regime, Mr Tavakkoli said: The war will end only when all our legitimate conditions are met. The end of the war does not mean the expulsion of an aggressor who, in desperation and disgrace after having suffered the capture of more than 40,000 of its forces by the Islamic combatants, continues to fire at our cities with long-range artillery. We do not consider the war to be finished thus and will take any necessary steps to safeguard the security of our borders. We regard it as our right and as the right of the Iraqi nation to save the region from such a criminal [presumably Saddam Husayn].

Concerning the assistance given to Iraq by the Egyptian regime and the attempts of the reactionary Arab countries to join with Egypt, the government spokesman said: As a result of the Decisive position adopted by the Arab brothers, members of the steadfastness front, and as a result of the heroic actions by our combatants on the fronts of the imposed war this plan has been defeated. At a time when America sees that it is losing Saddam, it is no longer prepared to involve its mercenaries in a war about whose future it has no clear picture.

Mr Tavakkoli also made some remarks on the attempts being made to establish peace and a cease-fire following the recent victories by Islamic combatants and on the steps taken for the formulation of a new administrative constitution for the country.

JOINT STAFF, GUARDS COMMUNIQUE 28 ON SUCCESSES

LD262104 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 26 May 82

[Joint communique No 28 of the Central Headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Excerpts] In the name of God, the compassionate, the merciful. In the name of God, the crusher of the oppressors.

Noble Iranian nation: During the triumphant Jerusalem Operation [bayt al-moqaddas], the heroic forces of Islam, depending of the boundless power of God and with the unseen help of the pure and holy soul of the seal of the prophet, Mohammad ibn Abdollah -- may God's peace and felicitations be upon him and upon his kin -- and the lord of the pious Imam 'Ali ibn Abu Talib -- may God's peace be upon him -- and relying on the support of the heroic nation, have succeeded in inflicting heavy losses and casualties on the aggressive forces of Saddam.

They have liberated Khorramshahr, Hoveyzeh, Zofeyr, the important Hamid garrison, the Pol-e Now bridge, extensive areas in Fakkeh and the Ahvaz-Khorramshahr and Khorramshahr-Shalamchek axes. They have liberated more than 5,480 square km of the Islamic homeland from the occupation forces of the criminal Saddam. They have achieved complete control over 170 km of the border and have hoisted the proud banner of the Islamic Republic.

During these operations the fighters of Islam killed or wounded more than 16,500 captive [as heard] personnel of Saddam's aggressive forces. They have destroyed important brigades of the Iraqi Armed Forces, including the 90th, 417th and 605th Brigades, and completely captured the 48th and 45 Infantry Brigades of the 11th Division and the 9th, 10th and 20th Brigades of the border guards of Saddam's Ba'thist forces.

During the Jerusalem Operation the brave sons of the heroic nation captured a large number of aggressive Ba'thist forces. The total number of enemy POW's taken in these operations has reached 19,000. It should be noted that among the Iraqi POW's of the American Saddam there are 70 high-ranking officers of the aggressive Iraqi Armed Forces, some of whom were captured by the brave youths of the Mobilization units of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps.

ARMED FORCES JOINT STAFF COMMUNIQUE 924

LD261804 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1630 GMT 26 May 82

[Communique No 924 of the Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran]

[Text] In His exalted name. May 27 is the birthday of (?the greatest heir) of the glorious Koran and of beloved Islam, His Holiness Hoseyn ibn 'Ali, may peace be upon him, and is also Revolution Guards Day. We offer our congratulations on this day to the lord of the age, may God hasten his glad advent, and his true vice regent, Imam Khomeyni, to the Muslim and combative Iranian nation and to all the oppressed and deprived people of the world. May this day be blessed for all the self-sacrificing guards brothers, the inheritors of the blood of Hoseyn, the disciples of Ashura, and the self-sacrificing fighters against blasphemy who responded to Hoseyn's call "is there anyone to come to my assistance," and who by sacrificing their blood are safeguarding his mission.

At 1307 today a violating Iraqi plane was hit by a fighter aircraft of the Air Force of the Islamic Republic of Iran over Abadan and was downed. Following the operations for the liberation of Khorramshahr, our fighting units are consolidating their positions and continue mopping up the liberated areas.

Yesterday morning the fighters of Islam succeeded in occupying the bridge over the (Kholyan) River and have consolidated their defensive positions. During that operation a number of Iraqi tanks were captured by the forces of Islam. Also, at 0730 yesterday morning the enemy began an offensive in the Shalamchek region but they were forced to retreat after suffering losses and casualties.

Exchange of fire continued on the banks of the Arvand Rud and by firing on enemy positions in the other side of the Arvand Rud our forces halted the movement of Saddam's forces on the Al-Faw-Basrah road. They destroyed one mortar, one vehicle and a number of enemy emplacements containing light and heavy weapons and killed or wounded a number of Iraqi forces.

Yesterday as the result of the enemy heavy-weapon fire, some parts of Abadan were set on fire and a number of our compatriots were martyred or wounded.

During the exchange of fire on the battlefronts in the west of the country, in the Meymak, Sumar, Sar-e Pol-e Zahab and Gilan-e Gharb regions, two tanks and a quantity of enemy ammunition were destroyed.

As a result of our units' artillery fire on the forces of Saddam in the Toveyleh and Tutmal regions and on the Biarreh garrison, 60 of the Iraqi forces were killed and 2 artillery pieces, 3 mortars and a quantity of their military equipment were set on fire.

As a result of our forces' fire on enemy positions in Cheshmeh-e Bala heights more than 30 of the enemy forces were killed or wounded.

[Signed] The Joint Staff of the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran

#### 18,190 POW'S CAPTURED; COUNTING CONTINUES

LD261248 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 1030 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] The Central News Unit has announced: According to reports received from the central Karbala' garrison, the joint operational headquarters of the Islamic Revolution Guards Corps and the Armed Forces of the Islamic Republic of Iran, the evacuation and counting of the POW's captured during the victorious Jerusalem Operation continues.

According to the latest count, the number of the evacuated POW's has so far reached 18,190; the counting of the rest of the POW's continues.

#### BAHRAINIS CELEBRATE VICTORIES OF IRANIAN FORCES

GF261825 Tehran International Service in Arabic 1730 GMT 26 May 82

[Excerpt] The Muslim masses in Bahrain have celebrated the victories of the soldiers of Islam who had liberated the brave city of Khorramshahr. A report from Manama has said that the masses of Bahrain went to the roofs of their houses and shouted "God is great" out of joy over the victory of the soldiers of the compassionate and the defeat of the aggressor Saddam regime. Commercial shopkeepers offered sweets to those celebrating the occasion.

#### CLANDESTINE REPORTS GUARDS EXECUTED, ASSASSINATED

GF231327 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] During the past 2 months, forces opposing the mullahs regime have killed at least 200 guards, committee members, mullahs and other Khomeyni gang members. Reports from various parts of the country indicate that many of the dead were individuals who participated in arrests, torture, interrogation and executions of the regime's opponents. The same reports indicate that eight guards were targets of revolutionary executions during the attack by the opposition on headquarters No 3 of the District 9 committee in Shush Square and Darvazeh Qar.

In an attack against a unit of the revolution prosecutor's office on Sohrvardi Avenue, three of the regime's executioners who were being shadowed were shot dead.

During the past 2 months a task force of resistance forces also killed an Evin Prison interrogator who had tortured opposition members. This destroyed interrogator of the Islamic regime was called Davud (?Majles Chavoshi).

In another attack by armed combatants against a patrol unit of the guards of Ayatollah Khomeyni's regime, three guards were killed on the spot. The mullahs regime did not announce the "sad" incident of these three guardians of Islam. The incident occurred on Vanak Parkway. Three other guards were killed on Tehran's Jolfa Avenue while defending Ayatollah Khomeyni's regime.

Our correspondent adds: Armed antiregime fighters and nationalist members of the resistance forces in Tehran and other cities are recognizing and carrying out revolutionary assassinations of mercenaries of Ayatollah Khomeyni's Islamic regime every day and on the basis of a precise centralized plan.

In a clash in Mohseni Square which occurred in Farvardin [month beginning 21 March] between guards and the opposition, the bodies of two guards were [words indistinct]. Five guards from two patrol units were destroyed on Tehran's Pars Avenue.

On 14 May in an armed clash two members of the antiguerrilla headquarters of the Tehran regime were killed in the northern sector of Zhaleh Square. Three others were wounded. No report has been received about their condition. The vehicle of the antiguerrilla headquarters personnel was destroyed during the operation by the antiregime guerrillas.

The Free Voice of Iran correspondent, quoting a spokesman of the Mojahedin-e Khalq organization, reports that police personnel avoid carrying out missions against the regime's opposition as much as possible. However, the antinationalist regime has put a number of guards in police uniforms in order to soil the name of the conscientious police personnel. The same individual added that the record of the honorable police personnel is different from the guards, committee members and mercenary agents of the regime.

Our correspondent adds: On 11 and 12 May many clashes occurred in Tehran. A guard unit opened fire on an opposition group on 11 May on Hashemi Avenue, but the antiregime forces carried out revolutionary executions of three guards in the same incident with the help of passersby. The next day guards and armed combatants clashed on Fereshteh Avenue. The Islamic regime lost two guards in this clash. Two grenades thrown by the opposition created this "tragic" event for the regime of ayatollahs.

In Vanak Square on the same day an even more "tragic" event occurred. Four "self-sacrificing" guards were decimated by machinegun fire.

Bahar Avenue in Tehran was the scene of the revolutionary execution of two guards at the hands of the armed antiregime combatants on 12 May. Forces opposing the Tehran regime killed a criminal mullah and his guard on 15 May on Azarbayjan Avenue in [name indistinct] Square.

According to our reporter, following the brave execution carried out by the resistance forces against the Islamic regime in Lavizan District, which resulted in the deaths of number of Ayatollah Khomeyni's guards, 36 agents and officials of SAVAMA in charge of files who were surrounded in a nine-floor building were arrested and taken to an undisclosed destination, blindfolded, by armed combatants. Some of the individuals are still alive and their interrogation continues. A number of them were sentenced to revolutionary execution in their courts and the sentences were carried out.

According to the same report, during the recent attack against Lavizan garrison, the office housing the local political-ideological branch was destroyed in an explosion. Even though the news was not reflected in the regime's media, Ayatollah Reyshahri, chief of the military tribunals, admitted the event.

It is noteworthy that the names of some of the regime's agents, such as Colonel Khorsand, who were killed in the Lavizan attacks were announced as war martyrs.

At the end of his report our correspondent points out that the so-called Islamic regime of Khomeyni has not published anything related to these fatalities.

'ARMED COMBATANTS' KILL 2 GUARDS IN TEHRAN

GF221718 (Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1500 GMT 22 May 82

[Text] We continue our newscast with a news item just received at the center of the clandestine transmitter of the Free Voice of Iran:

This morning two guards of the regime, Taqi Zain 'Ali and [name indistinct], were attacked by armed combatants on Rey Avenue and succumbed to their injuries before reaching the hospital.

The Free Voice of Iran correspondent in Tehran adds that it appears that these two persons were killed as they (?were returning) after completing their patrol duties. The report adds that the successful killing of these guards is definitely linked with the killings in Tehran during the past few days. It is said that the bodies of these guards were conveyed by a driver of a trailer who was [words indistinct] engaged in [words indistinct] to the guards.

VELAYATI, CUBAN ENVOY DISCUSS TIES, NONALIGNED

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[Text] According to a Central News Unit report, the Cuban ambassador to Tehran met and conferred this morning with Foreign Affairs Minister Mr 'Ali Akbar Velayati. During the meeting the Cuban envoy stressed the importance of expanding mutual ties. The envoy also pointed to the forthcoming nonaligned foreign ministers meeting in Havana and the nonaligned summit meeting in Baghdad, and asked our country's foreign ministers for Iran's views.

In reply, Mr Velayati explained Iran's views with regard to the Nonaligned Movement and Iran's objections to holding the forthcoming nonaligned summit meeting in Baghdad.

SOVIET MARITIME OFFICIAL COMMENTS ON TALKS

LD262208 Tehran Domestic Service in Persian 2030 GMT 26 May 82

[Text] According to the Central News Unit, the head of the Soviet maritime delegation who participated in the 13th annual shipping and harbors affairs and maritime transportation conference between Iran and the Soviet Union, has ended his tour of Iran. Before ending this trip to Iran the Soviet official said his discussions with officials of Iran's shipping and ports organization were very positive and constructive.

He added: Increasing the unloading capacity of Bandar-e Anzali and Nowshahr were among the topics discussed. Some decisions were taken.

He said the Iranian Islamic revolution has had a positive effect on the two nations' economic relations. In this context he cited the increased volume of trade between Iran and the Soviet Union through the two ports of Anzali and Nowshahr following the revolution.

#### NVOI URGES REVIVAL OF 'DEATH TO AMERICA' SLOGAN

TA240811 [Editorial Report] The clandestine National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran at 1730 GMT on 23 May carried a commentary entitled: "According to Ayatollah Meshkini, the Chant of 'Death to America' Is a More Pious Act Than Prayers."

It stated that the response of our struggling and independence-seeking nation to those who, in the garb of the ignorant friend and wise enemy, are always striving to negate the great Satan and to concoct imaginary foes for the Islamic Republic of Iran and divert the course of the popular and anti-imperialist revolution, is this statement by Imam Khomeyni: Direct all your shouts and demonstrations against America.

What is important to our homeland's revolutionary forces is that certain individuals, whether in the Islamic government or in revolutionary institutions, have exerted and are exerting all their efforts in the garb of the friends of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran to negate world-devouring America. Were we to pay sufficient attention we would see that again these days the joint effort of the foes of the revolution and the so-called friends of the revolution in negating America has to some extent been effective.

The slogan of "Death to America" has been heard less for some time now, but on the other hand insults are hurled at the Soviet Union and socialist countries -- these true friends and supporters of the revolution and the Islamic Republic of Iran -- both from the Voice and Vision of the Islamic Republic of Iran and at some gatherings.

At the Friday prayer in Tabriz Ayatollah Meshkini declared chanting "Death to America" is a more pious act than praying. Yes, those who in one way or another, by resorting to various ploys and ruses, try to negate America can never be the friends of the revolution and have faith in the imam's line, and can under no circumstances be in the imam's line and are not true Muslims or Muslims who are against arrogance and in favor of the oppressed.

An Iranian recognizes world-devouring America well, and is very much aware of the nature of this foe of humanity. Tens and hundreds of thousands of struggling Iranians have never forgotten the slogan of "Death to America" because they have well understood and understand that all our misfortunes and tragedies are due to the United States.

In order to safeguard the gains and perpetuation of our nation's revolution, and despite the futile attempt of the liberals and other agents and mercenaries of the great Satan and of the so-called friends of the revolution, we must aim all our chants against America, and adorn all our meetings, ceremonies and gatherings with the slogan of "Death to America."

#### NVOI SCORES PRC'S POLICY TOWARD ASIA, MIDEAST

TA211947 (Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran 1730 GMT 21 May 82

[Unattributed commentary: "Beijing Is the Foe of Revolutionary Iran"]

[Text] Dear compatriots: In connection with the discovery of scores of safehouses in Shiraz during recent days and the arrest of 70 members of the terrorist group of the Maoist Peykar organization, the issue that becomes a matter for consideration is the problem of interference by Beijing's leaders in our homeland's internal affairs.

As we are aware, since the outset of the popular, Islamic and anti-imperialist revolution of our homeland's people, the Chinese hegemonists have risen in hostility toward it.

Such a stance by Beijing is indicative of a hegemonistic policy that China is pursuing toward many Asian governments, and including the governments of the Middle East countries. Which aims are the Chinese hegemonists pursuing by establishing their spy dens in the Middle East, particularly in revolutionary Iran, and by inciting and arming them against the Islamic Republic's system?

We are all aware that Beijing's leaders have unfounded territorial claims on almost all countries that are adjacent to it. However, Beijing's hegemonistic goals are not only aimed at countries that are the direct neighbors of China, but include other areas in Asia, including the Persian Gulf region. It is not accidental that Beijing's multifarious emissaries have sprouted in this region. For example, only during the past year several of Beijing's government and military delegations visited Pakistan.

During his latest visit to Islamabad the Chinese foreign minister confirmed that the reason for his presence there was to offer a so-called spirit of sincere friendship to the Near East. In fact, Beijing's leaders intend to establish in this region their special sphere of influence which did not exist up to now, with the exception that now instead of the so-called silk route they have constructed a paved route in the form of a highway over the mountains in Karakorum.

Everyone is aware of the basis on which aims China has constructed this several-thousand-km highway. Minute planning and the construction of this highway are proof that it has been built for military purposes. Currently extensive work has started to extend and modernize this highway. The new highway will give a series of political and strategic superiorities to China. This road will be mainly used for the transport of military equipment. Currently thousands of tons of military equipment and arms are being sent to Pakistan over this highway.

Since Beijing does not conceal its intentions in connection with interference in the internal affairs of the governments of Western Asia and the Persian Gulf region, this non-silk route is a serious threat to the security of the countries of this region. The experience of recent years is indicative of and in fact exposes the real hegemonistic aims of China's leaders -- aims that expose the national interests of the Middle East governments to serious dangers. The extensive subversive activities and the terrorist activity of Beijing's agents in our Islamic Republic as well are a confirmation of this fact.

For a long time now Beijing's hegemonists have been striving to infiltrate politically into the areas of Western Asia and Iran. In recent years, in connection with this attempt, they have repeatedly talked in Beijing about the so-called ancient silk route from China to the Near and Middle East, and have portrayed it as the so-called symbol of ancient friendly ties with the countries of this region.

In fact such a route existed which was built in the second century B.C. in a number of countries, including Afghanistan and northern Iran. This route was built at the cost of the tears and blood of the people and the characteristic brutality of the Chinese. It was constructed at the expense of a sea of blood of many of the nations residing in the areas through which this so-called silk route of friendship was built. The Chinese emperors used this route not only for commercial purposes, but also as a means for political infiltration to the West, and foremost of all to the Near East, the Persian Gulf region and the Indian Ocean.

The rulers of the great empire -- a title which China had at that time -- were pursuing farfetched domineering goals. Much evidence confirms that they wanted to attack Iran and to reach the shores of the Persian Gulf and the Indian Ocean. Beijing's current rulers, who are heirs to the dominancy-seeking hegemony of the founders of the so-called silk route are pursuing those very aims.